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Salmon Tips, Etc. Etc.

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## TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN

## "Dud" At Work

Dudley Blount, the official poll tax collector, is still at work. He states that he is officially at work and is getting in all the money that he had in sight.

## Takes New Partner

Mr. John Adams, an old time Astorian, has purchased an interest in the Braden meat market at 684 Commercial street, and the business will be known in the future as the Braden-Adams Meat Company.

## Filed Declaration

Heinrich Alvin Kock, native of Germany, filed his intention to become a citizen yesterday, and Johan Larsen Hjorteland, native of Norway, applied for his full citizenship papers. Date of hearing on his application was set for June 22.

## Chimney On Fire

An alarm of fire was turned in last night shortly after 9 o'clock for a burning chimney in the E. W. Tallant home at 682 Grand avenue. The firemen responded quickly and the blaze was put out with the aid of the Babcocks.

## Ask For Bids

The county court at its meeting yesterday directed the clerk, Mr. Clinton, to ask for bids for printing the court proceedings and legal notices for the coming year. Bids are to be in by January 5. Bids are to be also asked for supplying oil for the county bridges, and for other bridge supplies.

## To Be a Nurse

Miss Amy Rannels, of this city, departed yesterday morning for the metropolis, where she enters the Good Samaritan hospital training school for nurses and take the full course with the high purpose of fitting herself for the exalted calling. Her many friends in Astoria will wish her complete success in this fine venture.

## The "Monday" Club

The ladies of the famous Monday Club, of the First Presbyterian church will hold their annual sale in the Sunday school rooms of that church on Saturday next, beginning at 1 o'clock p. m. and continuing through the evening. They will have on sale all manner of fancy articles and home-made edibles of wide variety. The public is cordially invited.

## Killed Two Wildcats

At the session of the county court yesterday a certificate was presented by the county clerk, Mr. Clinton, showing that the scalp of two wild cats had been presented by Frank Holm of Olney. The county pays a bounty of 50 cents each for wildcat scalps. For bear and panther more is paid. This year no panther scalps have been presented, though the scalps of several bear have been.

## Repairing The Cracks

A force of men started to work yesterday morning repairing the cracks in the walls of the city hall, and they found considerable work to do. None of the cracks are of a very serious nature, but they impaired the appearance of the walls and would presumably have grown worse if not fixed up. Some of those who are familiar with the construction of the building say the cracks came because some of the big timbers were green when put in, and others say they resulted simply from the natural settling of the building.

## New Officers Elected

Astoria Camp, Modern Woodmen of America of this city, has just elected the following named gentlemen to serve it for the ensuing year in official capacities: A. S. Wentjar, consular; William Cattrell, adviser; S. Gimrl, banker; John Svensen, clerk; John Sartory, escort; J. Wootto, watchman; Robert Svensen, secretary; Louis Glaser, manager. After performing this essential function, the members entertained their fraternal sister, the Royal Neighbors, delightfully at a camp banquet.

## Blasting Continues

A concrete wall in the Scow Bay vicinity was reported yesterday to have cracked and fallen, and its owner apparently laid the ruins to the blasting that continues up on the hill to the south. Since the common council emitted its blast against the blasting done by the contractors their charges apparently have not been quite so heavy, but those who reside in that locality still think them too great. The ordinance against uncontrolled blasting will probably be adopted at the meeting of the common council at its meeting Monday night.

## At Grace Church

Services at Grace church during the rest of this week at 9 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Saturday evening Bishop Seadding will be present when it is expected every communicant of the parish will attend as well as the communicants from Holy Innocents' Chapel, for a service of preparation for the Holy Communion on Sunday. The services on Sunday (the second Sunday in Advent) will be held at Holy Innocents at 9 a. m., Grace Church 11 a. m., the Junior Auxiliary at 4 p. m. and a service at Calvary Church, Seaside, at 7:30 in the evening.

## Hot Drinks

Coffee and Chocolate.

**Hoeflers**

## The County Poor

An order was made by the county court yesterday directing the county poor to appear before the court on January 7, presumably in person or by representative. Clatsop county annually pays about \$5000 for its charity, and while many of the cases are of a nature that seem to demand generous aid, others do not make so strong an appeal and yet cannot readily be denied. Some 30 or 40 persons were given assistance the last year. At the January term of the court bids will be received for the feeding of county prisoners and burying pauper dead.

## From Faraway Luzon

Lieutenant Barritt, of the United States army, and Mrs. Barritt, arrived in this city yesterday for a brief visit with Mrs. Barritt's brother, Lawrence Rogers. Lieutenant and Mrs. Barritt have been in the Philippines for the past five or six years, where he has been in active service. He has been granted a furlough of several months and from here they will proceed to New York. Their visit home is naturally a very welcome break from the life in the Philippines. Mr. Rogers did not know of their presence in this country until a telegram apprised him that his sister and her husband were about to come down here from Portland.

## Railway "Powder Day"

It may not be generally known, but the railway and other transportation companies of the country, have specific days and trains for the reception and shipment of high explosives. Under the newest circular providing for these shipments out of Portland over the Astoria & Columbia River Railroad lines, for instance, the day is Wednesday for receiving and the shipment goes forward the following day. This is for less than carload lots for Astoria. Broken shipments for Seaside and Ft. Stevens will only be handled under specific instructions in each case, since the company does not maintain an exclusive freight train service between Portland and those points. The matter is of interest not only to the shippers and dealers in this dangerous stuff, but to the general public, there being no wide knowledge that such rules were in existence in this relation.

## Here From Seattle

The noon express yesterday from Portland brought to this city, from Seattle, the young son and daughter of the late E. Milton Dindinger, whose sad death by drowning occurred on Monday evening last, Ralph E. Dindinger, and Mrs. Vera Francisovitch (nee Dindinger), and her husband, Louis Francisovitch. The latter were married on the morning of the day after the unhappy accident and without knowledge of it, so that it came as a great shock to the bride who was particularly devoted to her father. The young people have the deepest sympathy of very many friends here in Astoria, where they are well known and respected. The funeral of Mr. Dindinger will take place at 1:30 o'clock p. m. on Sunday next, under the auspices of the Barbers' Union, and at the mortuary chapel at J. A. Gilbaugh's undertaking establishment, Rev. C. C. Rarick, pastor of the First M. E. church, officiating and will be followed by interment at Greenwood cemetery.

## REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Joseph Schamberger to Sarah M. Naske, south one-third of lot 6, block 2, Shively's Astoria; \$800.

## Notice

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Columbia River Packers' Association will be held at the office of the Association at Astoria, Ore. On Monday, December 14th, at 11 o'clock a. m. Geo. H. George, Secretary.

## Sale and Social

Charity Lodge No. 53, Degree of Honor, will give a social and sale of fancy articles Saturday afternoon and evening. Refreshments will be served.

## Notice To Voters

The voters of the City of Astoria, will take notice that I am a candidate, upon the Democratic ticket, for the office of Water Commissioner, from the Second Ward of said city, and for the two-year term.

ISAAC BERGMAN.

## We carry

Gunthers Dairy Milk Chocolates

50c PER POUND

Sold in any quantity from five cents up.

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## WILL PROSECUTE HARD UPON DISCOVERY

DEPUTY FISH WARDEN MACK ON TRAIL OF THOSE CASTING SAWDUST IN RIVER.

Deputy State Fish Warden W. A. Mack has been apprised for sometime of the promiscuous violation of the law forbidding the casting of sawdust and lumber waste into the Columbia river and is keeping a keen watch on the people and places suspected of this transgression and if they are caught he intends to prosecute the matter to a finish. Speaking yesterday on this subject he said: "I desire to call the public's attention to the following law, being Section No. 4086 of 1905 fishing laws of Oregon, and to state that all violators of said law will be prosecuted: "Sec. 4086. It shall be unlawful for any proprietor or operator of any sawmill or other manufacturing concern or of any pulp mill, wood-saw, or other wood-sawing or manufacturing concern in this State, or any employee thereof, or any other person, to cast sawdust, planer shavings or other lumber waste, or suffer or permit such sawdust, shavings or any other waste to be thrown or discharged in any manner into any waters flowing into the Pacific Ocean within this State, or the Columbia River, or to deposit the same where high waters will take the same into any such waters or the Columbia River. Any person or persons, firm, or corporation, violating any of the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in the sum not less than 50 nor more than five hundred dollars and costs for each and every offense."

"W. A. MACK,

"Deputy Fish Warden."

He said, further, this means any person allowing or permitting any sawdust or other lumber waste to be thrown or discharged into any waters of this state.

## Weather Report

According to the weather summary for the month of November at North Head, as compiled by J. J. Kelliber, the weather man at that point, the highest temperature during the month was 61 degrees and the lowest 37, the average being 51 degrees. This is a slightly higher average temperature than has occurred during the past six years. The total precipitation for the month was 5.39 inches, with no snowfall. This is the lowest November rainfall at North Head for the past six or seven years, except in 1905, when there was only a little over three inches. The prevailing direction of the wind was southeast, with an average hourly velocity of 20.3 miles, and with the greatest velocity on November 19, when the wind blew 85 miles an hour from the southeast. There were six clear days during November, and eight partly cloudy, and 16 on which there occurred a trace or more of rain. Five frosts were reported during the month, three of them light, and a killing frost on November 26. Mr. Kelliber's report does not seem clear on the question of temperatures, though perhaps a mistake has inadvertently crept in. His lowest temperature is 37 degrees, on November 26. The ordinary person understands that frost does not come until the thermometer shows at 32 degrees Fahrenheit, while Mr. Kelliber's tables show five degrees above this. Perhaps the weather man will explain this to the uninformed.

## "THE DEVIL"

With the Ervin Blunkall Company who will appear in Astoria on Sunday, December 6th, in the extraordinary play surnamed the "Devil", will be found one of the most talented leading ladies who has entered for first position in the hall of famous historians, with a graceful presence, a well-bred manner and all the evidence of the lady born in her every action, Miss Warda Howard, the daughter of a celebrated college professor, plays the leading part, round which the Devil and all his human agents seem bent on leading witherward into the morass of eclipse, lured by the ignis fatuus with his twinkling star, that has lured to destruction so many millions before. Mr. Blunkall and Miss Howard are supported by people who were specially picked to play their parts so a good performance may be expected.

## Fresh Meat

Spare ribs, pork tenderloin, and other meats fresh daily at Braden's new meat market. See ad, page 4.

Dance and Piano Contest for Wise's Customers at Logan's Hall Dec. 30th. Piano number with each \$5 purchase.

## 1 MORE FREE DAY!

Between Dec. 1st and Dec. 31st 1908

Suits  
Overcoats  
at  
Reduced  
Prices

The last Free day was Nov. 19, 1908. All Wise customers holding sale checks for that date, will please present them and get their money back.

Hats  
Furnishings  
at  
Reduced  
Prices

## HERMAN WISE

Astoria's Reliable Clothier and Hatter

## REGISTRATION CLOSING THIS AFTERNOON

STILL COMING IN SLOWLY DESPITE GREAT IMPORTANCE OF ELECTION.

At the close of the registration last night in the office of the city auditor the total number of names down on the books was 1566. Today is the last one to register. Those voters who have not registered by 4 o'clock this afternoon will have lost their right to vote at the municipal election on December 9. So important is the election to every resident and taxpayer that it seems somewhat odd that the total registration is not greater than it is. On every side is heard the expressed belief that the very prosperity and future of the city are at stake, and yet there appear to be some men who are not taking enough interest in the city's welfare to even vote. Nevertheless if approximately 1000 more register today the total will approach somewhat nearly the number that might be expected. By precincts the registration up to last night was as follows:

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| No. 1 | 209 |
| No. 2 | 104 |
| No. 3 | 173 |
| No. 4 | 402 |
| No. 5 | 278 |
| No. 6 | 206 |
| No. 7 | 194 |

Total.....1566

During the past two nights the city auditor's office has been kept open to receive registration, but the books will be closed at 4 o'clock this afternoon. The fourth precinct easily leads with 402 names.

## Annual Sale

The ladies of the First Methodist Episcopal church will hold their annual sale of Christmas articles, home cooking, etc., in the lecture rooms, Friday, December 4th, at 3 p. m. and will continue during the evening. Light refreshments will be served.

## Election Returns

Full election returns will be displayed in black and white at the Wigwam saloon, corner of Eighth and Astor streets, on the evening of election day, Wednesday next, December 9th, so that all who will may see.

## Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days

PAZO OINTMENT is guaranteed to cure any case of Itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles in 6 to 14 days or money refunded. 50 cents.

## PERSONAL MENTION

J. H. Walter of Oregon City was in the city yesterday a guest at the Hotel Occident.  
H. J. Curran of Dubuque was registered at the Merwyn yesterday, being here on a business trip.  
C. B. Anstrom of Tacoma spent the day in Astoria yesterday, on matters of business.  
H. R. Seeley of Ashland was a business visitor in this city yesterday.  
W. F. Simmons of Salem was noted on the streets yesterday.  
G. E. Hancock of Pendleton spent a few hours here on business yesterday going back to Portland on the evening train.  
H. K. Mansur of Detroit was doing business on the streets of Astoria yesterday, along with hundreds of other interested visitors.  
J. D. Sutherland of Seattle was in the city yesterday making some legal inquiries as to lands belonging to clients of his.  
Barrett A. Goodall of San Francisco was among the host of tourists in Astoria yesterday going to Seaside on the evening train.  
K. A. Benninger of Bellingham put in the day here yesterday on matters of business, leaving up for the metropolis on the 6:10 train.  
D. G. Carruthers, a merchant of Los Angeles, passed through the city yesterday en route to South Bend

where he has relatives.  
J. T. Smithson of Modesto was among the big lot of transients noted here yesterday.

H. S. Snelling of Byrnes spent the afternoon here yesterday and went up the river on the Larline last evening.

T. E. Engstrom of Centralia was among the business tourists in this city yesterday.

IT IS SAID THAT EVERYBODY IN ASTORIA EATS SMITH'S MEATS—WHY SHOULDNT THEY AT THESE PRICES?

Smith's sugar-cured Oregon little Pig Hams, 16c per pound.  
Smith's sugar-cured Breakfast Bacon, 17c per pound.  
Smith's pure kettle-rendered Lard, 5-lb. paid, 65c.  
(It's all pure Hog Lard; no beef drippings or other adulterations.)  
Smith's Pure Pig Pork Sausage, 12c per pound.  
Hamburg Steak, as pure as pure can be, 10c per pound.  
Liver Sausage, 10c per pound.  
Head Cheese, 10c per pound.  
Roasts of Fine Oregon Pork, 10c, 12c.  
Delicious Roasts of Veal, 10c, 12c, 15c.  
Roasts of Mutton and Lamb, 10c, 12c, 15c.  
Prime Rib Roast Beef, 10c and 12c.  
Beef for boiling, stewing, braising and pot pie, 5c.  
Pot Roast Beef, 6c, 7c, 8c.  
Come to Smith's and take your pick of any loin steak in the market, such as Sirloin, Tenderloin and Flat-bone, 10c per pound.  
Four choice of several different brands of creamery Butter, 65c per square.  
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